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1. Amendment Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); and
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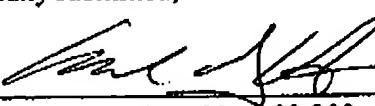
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action that was dated June 6, 2003, but actually mailed on June 30, 2003, please amend the application as follows.

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